

Cabinet papers for 1955

Staffs made plans for invasion of Israel to parry threat to Jordan

Barely a year before British troops invaded Egypt in collusion with the Israeli army, top military planners in London were drawing up a detailed battle order for the bombing of Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and the storming of Israeli strongholds by Royal Marine commandos.

JPs 'too soft' on drunk drivers

The Government planned a crackdown on drinking and driving as far back as 1955. Sir Anthony Eden, backed a plan by the Home Secretary, Mr Gwilym Lloyd-George, to spell out to magistrates their power to impose an automatic year's driving ban on motorists who had been drinking.

Jobs race bias 'widespread'

Indirect racial discrimination in employment is still widespread, according to Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Employment. He was commenting yesterday on new figures which show that unemployment rates are more than twice as high for ethnic minorities than for whites.

Dental disputes face long delays

The procedure for dealing with complaints about dental charges is liable to long delays and is frequently unsatisfactory, according to a front-page article in Consumer Voice, published today by the National Consumer Council.

In July 1955 the Cabinet solemnly resolved that the Foreign Secretary, in conjunction with the Admiralty, should take what steps were needed to proclaim British sovereignty over Rockall in case it "should be taken by a Foreign Power to observe firing on the range".

Petrol bomb manual investigated

A "Freedom Fighter's Manual", including detailed instructions on the making of petrol bombs, first published in Britain in the New Statesman magazine, has set off a Special Branch investigation.

Print union 'jobs for life' demand rejected

News International has rejected demands by the printing unions that their members on the company's four national newspapers should be given "jobs for life" guarantees and cost-of-living indexation of future pay rises.

Accidents on icy roads mark start of 1986

Britain slipped and slithered with festivities marked by a series of minor accidents on the roads. In the early morning, black ice turned many roads into "slating risks", the Automobile Association said.



Mr Michael Spicer, minister for aviation, with troops patrolling Heathrow airport during a security exercise yesterday. He said their presence could become a regular feature. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

More troops at airport likely

A bigger role for the military could well be part of a package of security measures to be introduced at Heathrow Airport in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Vienna and Rome last week. Mr Michael Spicer, the minister responsible for aviation, said yesterday: "We have a new situation now and it will demand new responses".

'Songs of Praise' boycotted

The BBC has cancelled a Songs of Praise television broadcast from Dungannon, Co Tyrone, because no Protestant congregations could be found to take part. Invitations went to 24 Protestant churches to join in the ecumenical broadcast from St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Dungannon but only three replied.

Prince buys picnic wood

An unnamed Saudi prince has bought Ballock Wood, 40 acres near Colchester, Essex, to be a once-a-year picnic spot for his family and friends.

Bridge tolls up

Hammer Bridge toll went up 20 per cent yesterday. Car drivers now pay £1.20 to cross one way. The bridge board has a debt of £230 million.

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Congest shares lead in Hastings chess

From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent, Hastings. Stuart Congest, aged 18, shares the lead with Johann Hignett with 29 points each at the end of round three in the Hastings Premier Chess Tournament.

'Badger dig' arrests

Seven men were arrested in Derbyshire over the new year holiday as police investigated alleged attempts to dig badgers out of their setts.

Guard

A train guard was killed yesterday when he was struck by a train while working on the tracks near the village of Buntingford, Cambridgeshire.

Why Geldof was barred from honours list

By Colin Hughes. An award to Mr Bob Geldof, the pop singer turned famine relief fund-raiser, would have been unprecedented in New Year Honours lists. Whitehall sources said yesterday.

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Winnie Mandela rests and lies low while planning next move

From Michael Horasby, Johannesburg

The matriarch of South African black nationalism, Mrs Winnie Mandela, was said yesterday by her lawyers to be lying low "in a safe place" while she considers her next move in her bizarre tussle of wills with the security police.

A member of the legal firm representing her, Mr Prakash Diar, said that Mrs Mandela had not decided whether to defy again a government order banning her from living in her home in Soweto, the sprawling African township outside Johannesburg.

"We are making arrangements for her to be medically examined," Mr Diar said. "There is nothing seriously wrong with her, but she is exhausted and drained and needs a bit of a rest. Her views on her right to be in Soweto have not changed."

On her return last Monday from a visit to Cape Town, Mrs Mandela, in an episode that at times had elements of a keystone Cops farce, was arrested by the police when they intercepted her car as it crossed the Johannesburg district boundary on its way to Soweto.

After speeding a night in a police cell in Krugersdorp, about 30 miles north-west of Johannesburg, she appeared in the magistrate's court there on Tuesday and was released on bail of Rands 500 (£135) on

condition that she obey the government order.

If she does not do so, she will risk not only rearrest but contempt of court charges. Her lawyers seem to be trying to rein her in, at least until January 7 when the Rand Supreme court is due to hear an appeal against the legal validity of the restrictions imposed on her.

The strange drama began on the weekend before Christmas after Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, had issued an edict prohibiting Mrs Mandela from being in the magisterial districts of Johannesburg and Roodepoort, which include Soweto.

This decree replaced an earlier one banishing Mrs Mandela, who is the wife of Mr Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), to a remote rural town in the Orange Free State. It was apparently intended as a concession but was not accepted as such by Mrs Mandela.

The security police twice dragged Mrs Mandela forcibly from her Soweto home. The first time she was dumped at an airport hotel outside Johannesburg. She made her way back to Soweto, was arrested again the next day, and held for a night in a police cell in Krugersdorp.

On December 23, Mrs Mandela appeared in the Johannes-

burg magistrate's court and was released on a warning to appear in the Krugersdorp magistrate's court on January 22 to face charges still being formulated by the state.

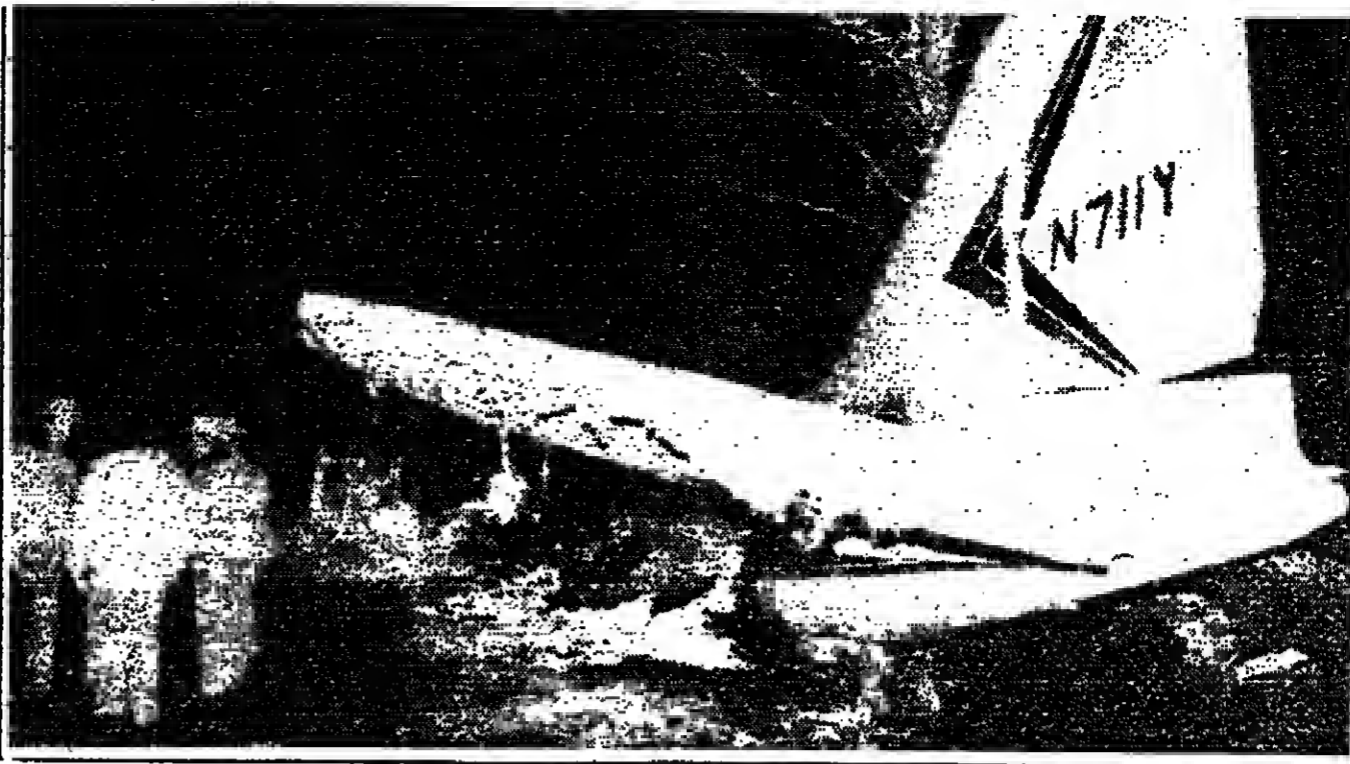
She then flew to Cape Town, where she visited her husband a number of times over Christmas in the hospital section of Pollsmoor prison.

Mr Mandela had his prostate gland removed in early November.

Meanwhile, Mr Le Grange, in an extraordinary Government Gazette published in Pretoria on Tuesday, has announced a six-month ban on all indoor meetings by any one of 70 magisterial districts across the country.

Outdoor meetings have been effectively banned throughout the country for some time, and political activity by extra-parliamentary opposition groups inside the 30 districts where a state of emergency is in force is already severely curtailed.

The new ban, however, affects 11 districts where the emergency has never been declared, and one where it was in force but has been lifted. They are all in the Eastern Cape or the Orange Free State. The ban also covers 10 districts in the Eastern Cape and the Johannesburg region, already covered by the emergency.



Duvalier picks a fresh team

Port-au-Prince (AP) - President Duvalier has disbanded his inner cabinet and replaced Haiti's police chief after a month of unrest following the deaths by shooting of four children in a protest against the regime.

Appointments include: Foreign Affairs, George Salomon; Interior and Defence, Pierre Merceron; Justice, Jean Vandal; Industry and Commerce, Raymond Thomas; national police chief, Colonel Gregoire Figeo.

More mouths

New York (AFP) - The world population grew by 79 million people to 4.842 billion in the year to mid-1985, according to UN statistics.

Police chief shot

Guatemala City (AP) - Gunmen in a small lorry ambushed and killed Guatemala's secret police chief, Colonel Ignacio González Palacios, as he drove with his wife. Juvenotina. She was unhurt.

Live Aid off

Peking (Reuters) - Chinese television cancelled all the last moment a broadcast of the Live Aid concert "for technical reasons".

Dinner break

Brussels (Reuters) - Fourteen prisoners including a murderer escaped from jail in Arlon, south-east Belgium, by taking wardens hostage after a New Year's Eve dinner.

Botha sets terms for reforms

From Our Own Correspondent Johannesburg

In a New Year's Eve message, the South African President, Mr P. W. Botha, promised to press ahead in 1986 with "our internal negotiation process" as reports came in of more deaths and violence in continuing unrest which has taken more than 1,000 lives over the last 16 months.

Three black men were reported by the police to have been shot dead in various parts of Cape Province during Tuesday night and the early hours

of the first day of the new year, which promises to be as turbulent as its predecessor.

In Bontebek in the Western Cape, the police said they killed a man when they fired on a crowd that had attacked their patrol. In townships in the northern and eastern Cape, government officials shot dead two men after mobs allegedly attacked their homes.

Mr Botha said that in 1985 South Africa had had to "resist unprecedented interference in our domestic affairs". Terrorist forces "operating and controlled from outside" had tried

to overwhelm the country. Significant reforms had been achieved over a number of years, Mr Botha maintained, "but the world at large still demands more of us, and virtually overnight, without co-opting the disastrous results for our country".

The door was open to negotiations which could lead to a political settlement satisfactory to all, but, Mr Botha declared, the Government would not shirk its duty to uphold "Christian values and civilized norms", a phrase that is often code language for "white political control".

The wreckage of the DC3 plane in which the singer Rick Nelson, his fiancée and five members of his band died in a crash on Tuesday, lying in a field near DeKalb, Texas. The pilot had been attempting an emergency landing because of a fire on board which had filled the cockpit with smoke. The pilot and co-pilot survived the crash but were in a critical condition in hospital yesterday. Mr Nelson, aged 45, was on his way to Dallas to perform with his group, The Stone Canyon Band.

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Swazi coronation to end royal intrigue

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

Political stability seems to be returning to the small African kingdom of Swaziland after more than three years of almost continuous intrigue, coups and counter-coups as members of the royal family waged a Byzantine struggle for power in the vacuum left by the death in 1982 of the venerable King Sobhuza II.

A date for the coronation of Crown Prince Makhosetive. There is no rule of primogeniture in Swaziland, where the aristocracy is polygamous, and the Prince was chosen by a secret tribal council from among the late monarch's many sons.

The young king-to-be, who has only recently returned from boarding school in England, is thought to be aged about 17 or 18. He has had little public exposure so far and few of his subjects have even heard the sound of his voice.

There is evidence that the pre-coronation rituals have been considerably speeded up to allow Prince Makhosetive to ascend the throne in April. Normally, the Crown Prince has to wait until he is 21. As his exact birthdate has never been made public, however, this is a detail that can probably be fudged.

One of the reasons for speed is the desire to legitimize the position of Prince Makhosetive's mother, Queen Ntombi, who, in the intriguing after King Sobhuza's death, was installed as Queen-Regent in the place of Queen Dzelewe, the late monarch's own choice as regent. This violated Swazi tradition,

according to which the mother of the future king cannot become queen before her son is crowned.

A turning-point in the struggle for power was the dismissal last October from the Supreme Council of State, of Prince Mfanasibili Dlamini, a relative of the late king, and Dr George Msibi, an influential councillor, who had manoeuvred their way to positions of despotic power and thwarted all previous attempts to dislodge them.

On New Year's Eve, five prominent Swazis, who had fallen foul of the two men and had been in prison without trial for many months, were pardoned by the Queen Regent. They are Dr Sishayi Nxumalo, a former finance minister, Mr Tibus Msibi, a former commissioner of police, and Mr Edgar Hillary, his former deputy. Mr Mangomeni Ndzimande, a former army chief, and another army officer, Major Abedunjo Dlamini.

Dr Nxumalo, who is regarded as one of the ablest Swazi politicians, was dismissed from his ministerial post in June 1984, shortly after he had revealed details of a customs duty fraud which he alleged that high-placed Swazis, including by implication Prince Mfanasibili, were involved.

It remains to be seen whether the notice King will be able to bring peace to the warring factions. Ruling a kingdom almost totally surrounded by, and economically dependent on, South Africa, he will also have a difficult path to tread in foreign policy.

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Peking pulls back on agriculture reform

Peking (NYT) - Faced with one of the sharpest drops in the size of the grain harvest in 36 years of Communist rule, China's leaders have decided to adopt a more cautious policy next year that will defer further relaxation of controls on peasant producers and seek to put grain yields back on a rising path.

The pull-back from the ambitious pace of change that had been set in recent years was announced in Peking at a special conference on the situation in rural areas. Details were made public on Monday in a report by the New China News Agency, which also revealed a figure for the 1985 harvest of "close" to 380 million tons, 27 million tons below the record figure for 1984 but considerably better than the government estimate of about 354 million tons made two weeks ago.

China remains the world's largest grain producer with a crop nearly twice that expected this year in the Soviet Union and import requirements that are substantially lower. Grain stocks from 1984 are at record levels, and officials have said that a second poor yield next year would cause no immediate hardship.

However the political implications of the decrease are considerable, particularly when considered with other retreats in recent months on the reform-minded leadership of Mr Deng Xiaoping.

The importance of the issue as reflected in the national scope of the agricultural conference in Peking. Among the speakers were several leading figures involved in the policy changes. Extracts from speeches suggested that the meeting was held to stem an erosion in morale resulting from the grain slump and to make clear that there would be no retreat from the general lines of the rural policy under Mr Deng.

In much the same way, the Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang, had to call an emergency conference last February to defend and cut back a package of liberalizing urban measures that had been hit by a wave of irresponsible bank-borrowing and corruption only months after they were announced.

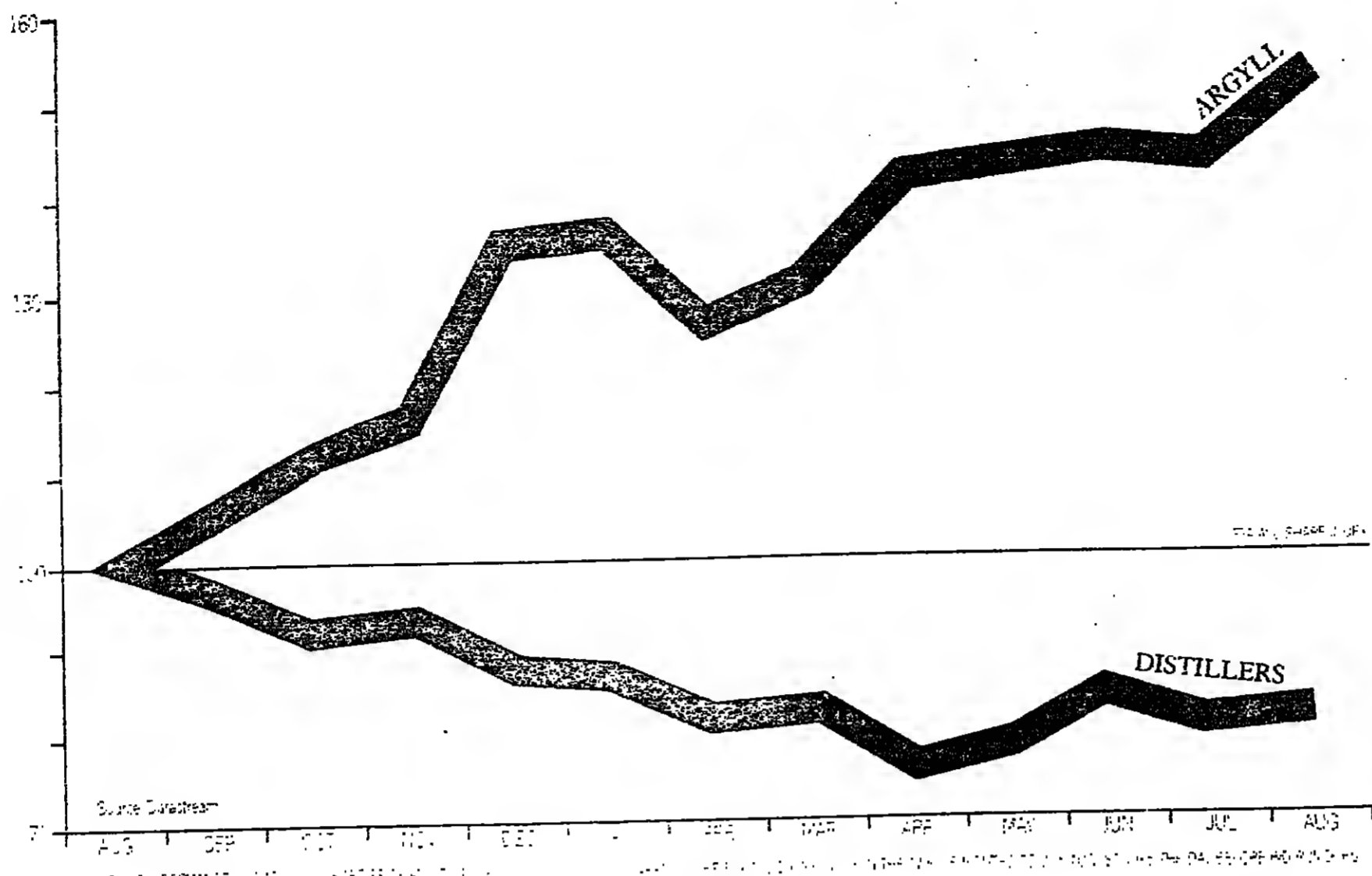
In other cautionary moves recently, Mr Deng and his associates pulled back on some cultural freedoms that had been a feature of their stewardship, admonishing writers who had begun to develop a more personal and critical style of literature to stick to "socially uplifting" themes that serve the policies of the Communist Party.

Several avant-garde plays have been shut recently and on Sunday, in a move affecting tens of millions of readers, publishing houses were ordered to stop printing the martial arts novels that have become a national vogue.

Because China is still overwhelmingly a peasant country of more than 800 million live in the countryside - and because it was among the peasants that Mr Deng gained the momentum to turn much that he inherited upside down, the agricultural setbacks are potentially the most disruptive development. But the tone adopted by Mr Zhao and officials at the rural conference suggested that they are confident of being able to resolve the problems.

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Afghanistan presents timetable for Soviet troop withdrawal

Washington, (NYT) - The Afghan Government has informally presented a timetable for the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Afghanistan within a one-year period as part of an overall accord, a senior State Department official said on Tuesday. He said the schedule for the withdrawal of the 120,000 Soviet soldiers was shown to the United Nations Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs, Senator Diego Cordovez of Ecuador, during the United Nations-sponsored talks on a political settlement in Afghanistan held in Geneva last month.

A crucial demand of the United States has been that the Soviet Union produce a timetable for the withdrawal of its troops. Until the latest session, the Geneva talks had dealt with other subjects, such as new elections in Afghanistan.

In addition to the informal presentation of a withdrawal plan, there were other grounds for optimism, the senior official said. In a recent speech to foreign diplomats in Moscow, Mr Gorbachev also seemed to be suggesting a willingness to consider a deal.

The official said: "While we have every right to be sceptical - to take an 'I'll believe it when I see it' attitude - I know that Afghanistan is so costly to the Soviets, in terms of dollars and prestige that it seems logical to me that they might well be seeking an exit." Whether Moscow would be willing to negotiate a troop withdrawal before the next summit meeting with President Reagan was not clear, but any progress would be noted at that session, Mr Gorbachev has agreed to visit the United States this year.

New Year's party ends in massacre

Paris (AFP) - Fouad Bouhouane, aged 32, hurt into a New Year's party at his estranged wife's home, shot dead his parents-in-law, then drove home and killed his three children before committing suicide.

Book returned 85 years late

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (AP) - *Townsend's Collection*, a bound 528-year-old leather-bound volume of British laws which disappeared between 1823 and 1900, has been returned secretly to the Pennsylvania State Library.

Pilgrim death

Delhi (AP) - A young man was trampled to death in a stampede when thousands of pilgrims left queues and rushed to enter the historic Hindu temple at Tirumala, in Andhra Pradesh.

Mild shock

Niles, Ohio (AFP) - Richard Bly, aged 58, a former teacher who gave shocks with a homemade electric chair to boys between 13 and 20 was sentenced to pay a token \$200 (£149) fine. Police said the boys considered it a game.

Festive tragedy

Darmstadt, West Germany (AP) - Two young West German men died when they tried to set off a home-made 2lb firework on an empty lot as part of New Year festivities.

FAO official sent to London

Assault on Falklands fish causes alarm

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

An official from the Food and Agriculture Organization is due in London shortly for urgent talks on what has been described as one of the biggest assaults on wildlife since the massacre of the American bison.

The "assault" is taking place in the waters off the Falkland Islands, one of the last unregulated fishing regions in the world, where a growing armada of foreign fishing vessels is destroying the waters' stock of blue whiting, hake and squid.

According to some estimates the huge fishing grounds off the South Atlantic coast are virtually finished within three years unless urgent action is taken. The Falkland Islanders have urged Britain to declare an exclusive 200-mile fisheries zone around the Falklands and South Georgia. They maintain that such a move would not only conserve fish stocks within the immediate area of the islands but would also provide them some revenue through licence fees.

At present the islands earn virtually nothing from the \$50 million worth of fish which is being taken from the South Atlantic fishing grounds each season.

Britain has resisted such an idea, however, on the ground that it would be almost impossible for the Royal Navy to police effectively at 8,000 miles range a unilateral fisheries limit that was constantly being challenged by Argentina and the nations fishing most heavily in those waters - the Soviet Union, Poland, Spain, Bulgaria, Japan and Korea.

A survey commissioned from Dr John Beddington of Imperial College London has also persuaded the Government that while the increasingly heavy fishing around the islands gives cause for concern, it is not as critical as the islanders and

some other fisheries experts make out.

Instead Britain has been pressing for the negotiation of a multilateral fisheries accord through the FAO.

Negotiations are being complicated by Britain and Argentina's rival claims to sovereignty over the Falklands and the surrounding waters.

After months of behind-the-scenes diplomacy, Britain and Argentina have both told the FAO they are prepared to "freeze" the sovereignty issue so that progress can be made on what both countries recognize to be an urgent problem.

However, because of the delicacy of the political issues at stake, the FAO is having to proceed with extreme caution. The organization's first task is to produce a technical study of the current fishing activities in the South Atlantic and assess the extent to which fish stocks are being over-exploited.

This will not be completed at least until late spring, by which time the present fishing season will have ended. Only then will the FAO be in a position to consider what kind of multilateral approach could be adopted.

The FAO has been instrumental in the past in setting up fisheries management conventions in other parts of the world which could serve as models for the South Atlantic.



The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, speaking in the Knesset yesterday when he accused Colonel Gaddafi of Libya of running a "murder-state".

Kidnapped Lebanese Jew murdered

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

The body of a Lebanese Jew who was kidnapped by a Muslim extremist group nine months ago was found yesterday in west Beirut a few hours after a communiqué signed by the group said it was carrying out an "execution".

The police said they had identified the body as that of Isaac Tarrah, aged 53, who was abducted by six gunmen in the old Jewish quarter of Wadi Abu-Jamil on March 29. His kidnappers said the killing was in retaliation for an Israeli raid on the Shia Muslim village of Kouin on Monday, in which hundreds of villagers were forced to flee by Israeli troops and their allies of the South Lebanon Army.

Beirut police said Mr Tarrah's body was found by residents of the war-devastated old commercial district, with a single bullet wound in the head. Arrangements were being made for a funeral in Christian east Beirut.

Christians in clashes

Beirut - Christian factions fought for two hours in Beirut on New Year's Eve after a confusing episode of violence erupted in an area known as the Marjayoun district, a stronghold of Christians in Beirut.

In the second was Mr Assad Shafiq, a prominent negotiator for the Lebanese Forces Christian militia, who played a crucial role in drafting the Syrian-sponsored armistice signed by Druze, Shia Muslim and Christian militia leaders on Saturday.

One was made of three presidential limousines, but Mr Yamel was not in any of them.

Consequently, in a case such as the present, where, according to the interpretations of the national court, the national laws were of a general nature, it was for the national court to balance those interests by deciding whether a witness in possession of confidential information might or might not rely upon an obligation of secrecy by which it was bound in the context of that contract it was for that court in particular to assess, where necessary, the importance to be attributed to the fact that the information in question had been received by the competent authorities of the member states in accordance with article 12(2) of the directive.

We can bridge the gap

GORBACHOV

The following is the text of Mr Gorbachev's address to the American people: Dear Americans, I see a good augury in the way we are beginning the New Year, which has been declared the year of peace. We are starting it with an exchange of direct messages - President Reagan's to the Soviet people, and mine to you.

We can hardly succeed in attaining that goal unless we begin saving up, bit by bit, the most precious capital there is - trust among nations and peoples. And it is absolutely essential to start mending the existing deficits of trust in Soviet-American relations. I believe that one of the main results of my meeting with President Reagan is that, as leaders and as human beings, we were able to take the first steps towards overcoming mistrust and to activate the factor of confidence.

Let us not shift that task on to our children's shoulders. We can hardly succeed in attaining that goal unless we begin saving up, bit by bit, the most precious capital there is - trust among nations and peoples. And it is absolutely essential to start mending the existing deficits of trust in Soviet-American relations. I believe that one of the main results of my meeting with President Reagan is that, as leaders and as human beings, we were able to take the first steps towards overcoming mistrust and to activate the factor of confidence.

Nuclear war cannot be won

REAGAN

The following is the official text of President Reagan's address to the Soviet people: Good evening, This is Ronald Reagan, President of the United States. I am pleased to speak to you on the occasion of the New Year. This is a time for reflection - and for hope. As we look back on the year just concluded, and on the year that is to come, I want to share with you my hopes for the New Year. I hope for peace and good will that the American and Soviet peoples share.

work together, too, then we will strengthen the bonds of understanding and build a true foundation for lasting peace. I also discussed the American people's strong interest in humanitarian issues. Our democratic system is founded on the belief in the sanctity of human life and the rights of the individual - the right of free speech, of assembly, of movement, and of worship. It is a sacred truth to us that every individual is a unique gift of God, with his or her own special talents, abilities, hopes and dreams. Respect for all people is essential to peace. And as we agreed in Geneva, progress in resolving humanitarian issues in a spirit of co-operation would go a long way to making 1986 a better year for all of us.

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Limits of bankers' obligation of secrecy

imposed upon him by the Dutch law which gave effect to the directive. The Arrondissementsrechtbank (District Court) in Amsterdam, rejected the defendant's claim that he was exempted from the obligation to testify, however the Gerechtshof (Regional Court of Appeal) upheld that claim.

Customs value excludes transit in EEC

The provision of article 12(1) of Council Directive No 77/780 whereby the obligation of professional secrecy imposed on the various member States and on those employed by the competent authorities meant that any confidential information which they might have received in the course of their duties might not be divulged to any person or authority except by virtue of provisions laid down by law, also included depositions made as a witness in the context of civil proceedings.

Guarantee terms breach free movement law

ETA Fabriques d'Engrenages v DK Investment and Others. Case 91/85. Before K. Bahmann, President of the Fourth Chamber and Judges G. Bosco, T. Koopmans, T. F. O'Higgins and E. A. Schockweiler. Advocate General C. O. Lenz (Judgment delivered December 10th).

Court of Justice of the European Communities

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COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay a state visit to China from October 12 to 18.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a performance of Messiah at the Albert Hall on February 23.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. P. A. Black and Miss J. C. Chisholm-Batten. The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. R. Black, of Deal, Cuckfield, West Sussex, and Juliet, younger daughter of Dr W. R. Chisholm-Batten, of Barrow, Wiltshire, and the late Mrs. M. W. Harris, of West Common, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.



A general view of the marina at the show. Photograph: Peter Trievnor

Crusader sets pace at show

Harold Cudmore, skipper of the British America's cup challenger for 1987, opened the thirty-second London International Boat Show at Earl's Court yesterday.

Archaeology

Vikings forged Anglo-Irish link

Study of the millions of finds made during recent excavations in Dublin are shedding new light on the origins of the city as a Viking settlement, and are showing how closely the Vikings interacted with towns in England and on the Continent.

OBITUARY

SAM SPIEGEL Hollywood producer of quality films



Sam Spiegel, producer of award-winning films like On The Waterfront and The Bridge on the River Kwai, died on December 31 on the Caribbean island of St. Martin. He was in his 80s.

Spiegel's next two productions were equally enterprising in America. End as a Man, written by Calder Willingham's novel of sadism and perversion in a Southern military academy, which must surely be one of the most extraordinary and unconventional works ever to come from a commercial film company.

RICK NELSON



Rick Nelson, who as Ricky Nelson had an immense following as a pop singer in the 1950s, was killed along with fiancée and several members of his band in a plane crash in Texas on December 31. He was 45.

For the next few years Nelson was among the top bracket of rock 'n' roll performers but, like many of the first generation of pop stars, found himself not easily able to bend to the winds of change which swept the pop music world in the 1960s.

Marriages

Mr S. C. Moore and Miss J. E. Faber. The marriage took place on Saturday, December 28, at St Peter's Church, Winchester, of Mr Christopher S. Moore, elder son of Mr Joseph Moore and Mrs Mary Moore, of New York, and Miss Juliet E. Faber, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. H. Faber, of West Tytherley, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, and the late Mrs. M. W. Harris, of West Common, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Birthdays today

Mr Isaac Asimov, 66; Mr David Bailey, 48; the Duke of Devonshire, 66; Professor Sir Kingsley Dunham, 76; Mr Walter Harrison, MP, 65; Mr M. C. S. J. Homby, 87; Sir Anthony Lincoln, 75; Lord Nelson of Stafford, 69; Mr Edmund de Rothschild, 70; Air Chief Marshal Sir Ernest Edney, 73; Sir Michael Tippett, OM, CH, 81; Lord Trend, 72; Dr Rachel Waterhouse, 63; the Right Rev Kenneth Pollock, 62; Sir Philip de Zulueta, 61.

Development Trust for the Young Disabled

Mr F. V. White-Smith has been elected Chairman of the Development Trust for the Young Disabled in succession to Mr J. M. van Zwanenberg, who continues as a director of Willis, Faver and Dunlop Limited, Air Commodore D. F. Rixon is vice-chairman of the trust, and Sir Neville Leigh, formerly Chairman of the Privy Council, has become a trustee. Captain A. D. Huton, RN, has been appointed secretary.

Latest appointments

Mr Stuart Mitchell to be Director of the North West Tourist Board. He will succeed Mr Geoffrey Hare, who becomes Chief Executive of the Scottish Tourist Board.

Alice Otley School

Miss Eileen Millard has retired after 21 years as Headmistress of the Alice Otley School, Worcester. She is succeeded by Miss Christine Sibbit, formerly Deputy Headmistress of the Girls Grammar School, Tunbridge Wells.

Simpson's advertisement featuring a list of clothing items for men and women, such as 'DAKS two-piece suits' and 'DAKS check shirts', with prices and a 'SALE' banner at the bottom.

University news

Cambridge DARWIN COLLEGE. Elected his honorary fellowships Mrs J. A. Frost, MA, and Sir T. C. Garver, MA.

Science report

Aerial scanner that identifies mineral deposits

A radiation scanner for use in low-flying aircraft has been developed in Australia to identify and analyse mineral deposits.



Dr Norman MacCaig, Dundee honour

Dartmouth passing-out parade

Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Raffell, the Controller of the Navy, took the salute at a passing-out parade held at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on December 19, when the following officers under training passed out from the college.

Latest wills

Latest entries include (not, before tax): Fennell, Mrs Jessica Gorges, of Windersay, Cambridgeshire, £306,012.

Large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, featuring the word 'Scien' at the top and 'REMIU' at the bottom, with various smaller text and graphics.

THE ARTS

Operetta: John Higgins relishes an Offenbach spectacular Science-fiction pantomime brilliantly presented

Le Voyage dans la lune Grand Théâtre, Geneva

Offenbach's Voyage dans la lune was devised 110 years ago as a lavish spectacular for the recently opened, Gaite in Paris.

Geneva's Christmas production has no intention at all of being a poor cousin to what was on view a century ago.

The trip to the moon comes about because Prince Caprice, bored with life at 17, has no wish to take over his father's crown.

The space-travellers find that life exists on the Moon, mainly in the shape of green gentlemen with webbed feet and illuminated genitals.



Jules Bastin shakily seated as Cosmos; and love burgeooning between Joseph Evans (Caprice) and the dazzling Marie McLaughlin (Fantasia)

Princess Fantasia, which is almost staged on by a Garden of Eden serpent straight from Die Zauberflote. Offenbach kept his travellers on the Moon.

The eye flashes from side to side of the stage as fast as at Wimbledon's Centre Court. The overture begins familiarly with the phrase that Offenbach was later to work for Dapertutto's "Scintille, diamant" in Hoffman.

Princess Fantasia and in Marie McLaughlin, the Scottish soprano, Geneva have by far the best singer on stage. Miss McLaughlin looks gorgeous.

The presiding genius, though, remains Savary as he puts his performers - animals, insects, singers, dancers - through their spectacular paces in an evening of... well... pure lunacy.

Paul Griffiths looks back on European Music Year

Handel and Bach supreme

A sense of utter rightness: Ann Murray in the title role of ENO's Xerxes



Nineteen eighty-five was European Music Year, though nobody explained whether it was a year for celebrating European music or rather just any old music year that had happened to have been dropped down in Europe this time round.

One excuse for the misbegotten EBO, and indeed for having a European Music Year at all, was of course the extraordinary conjunction of two centuries.

ber of stimulating productions from the ENO this year, including The Bartered Bride, The Midsummer Marriage, Akhnaten, Orpheus in the Underworld, Faust and most recently Don Giovanni.

New productions in Cardiff and Glasgow were still less happy. The Welsh National Opera's love-affair with directors from Eastern Europe produced an outrageous Don Giovanni, a bizarrely incoherent Rigoletto and what was by contrast a curiously restrained Così fan tutte.

Opera Triumphant teamwork

La Calisto Royal Court

There are two ways to bring seventeenth-century opera to life. One - the more difficult - is to play it as it was but to such a convincing degree that you can take your audience back in time with you.

What a perfect idea, among many, to cast Satirino, the rampant boy eager for his first taste of the forbidden fruit, as a would-be macho rugby player engaging in some frantically zealous training with his

team-mates Pan and Sylvano. That would be ridiculous enough, but here the role is sung by a woman, Linda Kitchen, a ploy which serves to pour yet more scorn upon the sexual roles we play. On the other side of the coin, so to speak, are the figures of Native, Eurymy and Destiny, who appear at the beginning as beauty queens preparing themselves before their mirrors.

There are excellent performances, too, from Omar Ebrahim, a roller-skated Mercury, and from Brian Gordon as the lovelorn but ultimately triumphant shepherd Endymion, despite a counter-tenor voice that seems uncomfortable in the lower register.



Mercury on roller-skates: the excellent Omar Ebrahim

Theatre

The Go-Go Boys Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

One cheering thing about the work of Howard Lester and Andrew Alty is that they have managed to write and perform a play about male homosexuality without using the word "gay".

story of a friendship between the straight Brian and the homosexual Steve, and repeatedly interrupts it with sketches illustrating sexual stereotypes and bigotry. The effect is that of a straightforward narrative illustrated with lurid cartoons.

thus dispelling the tedium that always threatens to engulf two men shows, and revealing them as comic performers who are as much at home as fruitfully untrustworthy politicians, lustfully fantasizing teenagers and figures of idiot authority.

Television When rock was hard

Celia Brayfield

The seasonal mood of sentimental goodwill continued with a documentary which was virtually an archaeological investigation into British rock 'n' roll - Mr Parnes, Skiffles and Peace (Channel 4). This was ostensibly about Larry Parnes, who managed a stable of home-grown rock 'n' roll talent in the late Fifties and early Sixties.

A Parnes contract could initially get them £1.50 plus ten bob fare money, rising to the dizzy heights of £50 a week. The management cut was 40 per cent - "if he'd taken 90 per cent it would still have been worth it", said Wilde.

Where the piece does score detailed points is in the ongoing story of the two friends: as where Brian expresses his nausea at the idea of being curled up with a man, while curled up with Steve in a judo hold; or where, back to back, they face a mob of skinheads and express human loyalty in terms of sexual defiance.

led to his death at the age of 42 from heart failure, the Parnes boys reasssembled twenty years on as healthy, happy, middle-aged entertainers, and it was tempting to conclude that his hard school of showbusiness had been a proving fire.

The film was unconsciously struggling against the British prejudice against any group which caters to the spiritual needs of the young.

With the exception of Billy Fury, whose history of ill health

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Year ends on quiet note

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WALL STREET

Record year ends quietly

New York (Reuters) - The stock market finished one of its best years on a quiet note on Tuesday, with the Dow Jones industrial average falling 3.79 points to close at 154.67.

The subdued finish capped a year of dramatic gains that surprised some market watchers. The Dow average of 30 blue chips soared 33% points for the year, a rise of 27.7 per cent.

Analysts said that moderate inflation, lower interest rates and the expectations of lower energy prices would probably keep the bull market alive.

COMMODITIES

Colombia will open coffee negotiations for 550,000 70-kilo bags this week, probably tomorrow, so completing the first-quarter quota allocated to private exporters.

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World tea prices are expected to become firm this year after comparatively low prices in the second half of 1985.

Platinum futures rose in New York. Speculators lifted the market in response to gains in Comex gold and continued unrest in South Africa.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The shortened session on New Year's Eve was extremely quiet and featureless. There was little activity and the dollar was left to drift lower as operators squandered their books for the year-end.

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They were unwilling to be left with positions over the New Year holiday and, as a result, the dollar suffered from the current bearish sentiment, and weaker against most currencies.

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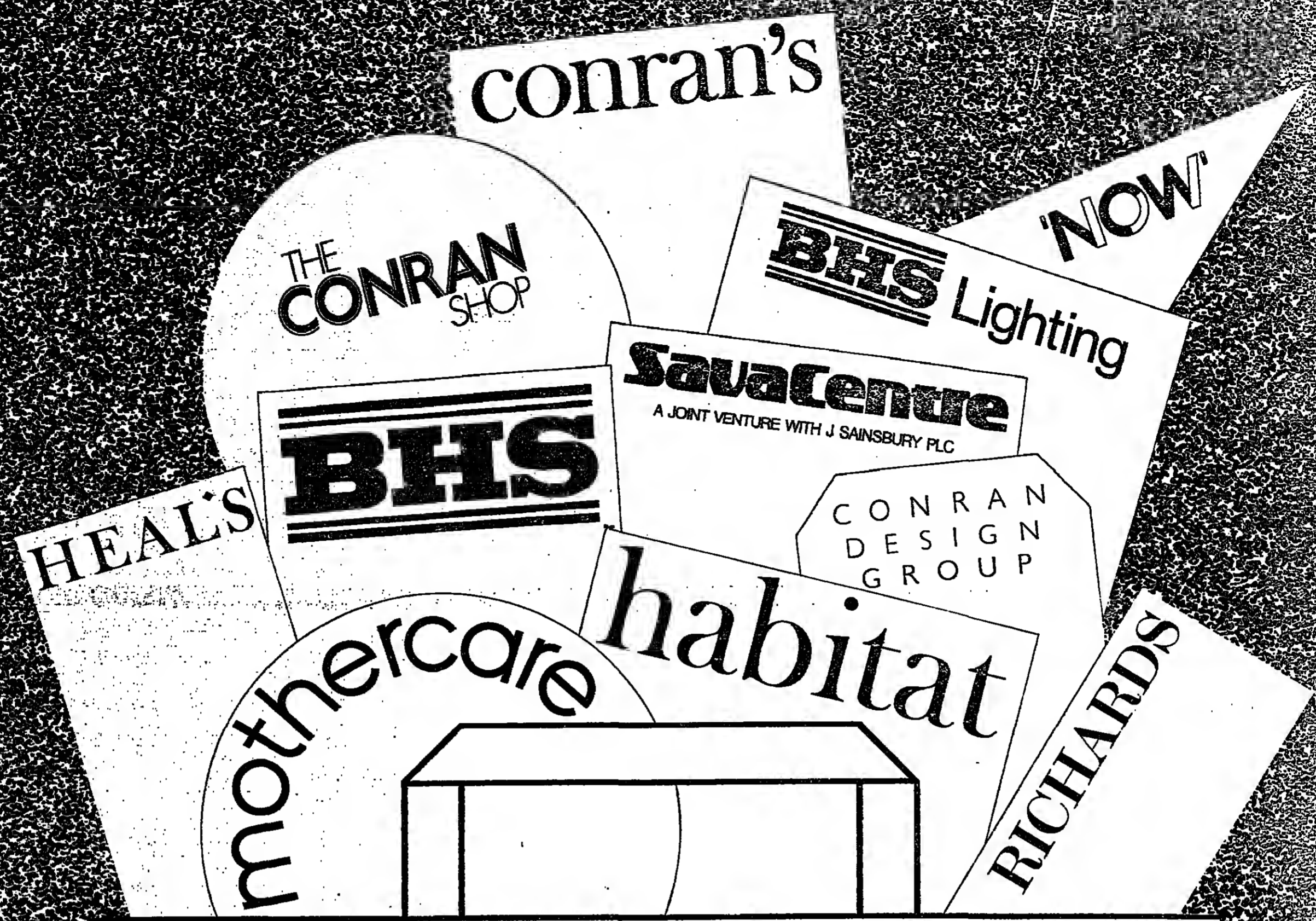
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TEMPUS

Westland may hold the key to markets in 1986

Traders spent the run-up to Christmas... Westland may hold the key to markets in 1986...

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Investors looking for income as well as capital gain could buy a package of, say, four income shares to one capital share...

under pressure and could even fall slightly in the year to March... At 186p they are trading on only nine times this year's likely earnings.

Consumer spending looks set fair for another buoyant year so Grand Metropolitan (398p), the Berni Inns, Wateys and Intercontinental hotel group, should perform well.

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The logic of the argument is clear London is a strong buy on bid hopes if the Americans win the bid for Westland on a kind of 'Guinness At The OK Corral' approach.

And if Mr Heseltine wins? The line of argument so far encourages the view that this would amount to slamming the door on US bids to find a cheap way into Europe.

Tighter policies... Is this, whisper the bears, the end of the road for what has been one of the most brazen examples of government in modern times?

Buts and bears alike are united on one point. This Government has shown a remarkable ability to survive, mainly by redrawing the pitch and shifting the goal posts.

US exports... The Westland imbroglio assumes a seminal importance in this context. The US has managed to secure a very competitive devaluation through the G-5 agreement.

Timber companies are notoriously cyclical so their shares offers all the thrills of a big dipper. The downside can make you queasy but the upside blows the mind.

Share package... We particularly like the look of Triplevest Trust, run by Montagu Investment Management and Schroder Wagg.

Shares in Pyke Holdings, the main supplier, jumped 20p to 395p on Tuesday as the climax of the bid from Hilldowns Holdings draws near.

Elsewhere, there was more action on the Beecham Group front, but not the type of business the speculators like. Beecham shares fell 7p to 361p.

The City firm denied any such action on Tuesday, saying the rise in the Hilldowns price had come from end of the year share buying by another linking firm.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Unigate shares up 13p amid takeover talk

The old stock market year went out in true 1985 style, with tales of huge mergers keeping market men in business... Unigate shares up 13p amid takeover talk...

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Penman's £100m plan set for court test

The battle to develop a £100 million luxury shopping centre at Endicott is now in progress... Penman's £100m plan set for court test...

Election could hit office development

Next May will be a crucial month for Reading, Berkshire. The local election could bring a change in the political colour of the council and that in turn could lead to an embargo on new office development in the town centre.

APPOINTMENTS

Samuel Montagu & Co: Sir Michael Falliser has resigned as chairman, but will remain on the board as a non-executive director.

UKO International: Mr David Cutler has joined the board as finance director.

Port of London Authority Board: Captain Malcolm Edge, Mr Alexander Macintosh and Mr Andrew Smithers have been re-appointed to the board for a further three years.

Yorkshire Chemicals: Mr Derek Byrne is made chief executive designate of the speciality products division.

John Govett & Co: Mr Dwight Makins has been made managing director.

On the Unlisted Securities Market the newcomer, Sigmex International, an electronic engineer, traded at 105p.

Traded options business suffered from the end of year slowdown, with total volume for the day reaching just 6,984 contracts.

STAVERT ZIGOMALA: In the half-year to Sept 30, 1985, turnover rose from £236,000 to £343,000, while pretax profits were up from £298 to £37,548.

JA DEVENISH: Mr R S Harveys, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that the company has now put the majority of its exceptional costs behind it and has made "substantial investments".

Table with 2 columns: Company Name, Price. Includes Abbott Mead Vickers, Ashby, Collins & Richards, etc.

MOTOR RALLYING



The smallest car in the Paris-Dakar rally sets off from Versailles yesterday. The Citroen 2CV, driven by the Frenchman, Pierre David, was cheered away by some of the crowd of 300,000.

YACHTING

Fleet closing in on NZI Enterprise

The finishing stages of the second leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race, from Cape Town to Auckland, are in complete contrast to the first.

Her lead over Atlantic privateer (Peter Knott) was reduced to only 23 miles, but these two boats were still well ahead of the rest.

This is the longest leg of the race and was covered in 30 days by the eventual race winner in the previous race four years ago.

Supporters hope to raise £1m for British entry... A British America's Cup Cup support club has been formed in London.

Net to catch the salmon shark... Atlantic Salmon Trust, Salmon Conservancy, and Trout Association have welcomed what they hope may be an effective attempt by Government to tackle the black market in salmon.

New challenge from US... New York (AP) - The America's Cup challenge, organized by the New York Yacht Club and United States Merchant Marine Academy Foundation, will compete in the 1986 12-metre championships in Australia.

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Fishing... A large part of the Bill is taken up by proposals for reforming the Scottish District Fishery Boards.

Recent issues... Abbott Mead Vickers 5p Ord (150), Ashby (Lancs) 5p Ord (135), Collins & Richards 5p Ord (160), etc.

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These matches were the final England trials. The 1986 team will be announced on Tuesday.

Vertical advertisements on the right edge of the page, including 'Sweet re...', 'Murray', and 'late penal'.

RUGBY UNION; TWO NEW CAPS AS ENGLISH SELECTORS RING CHANGES IN TEAM TO FACE WALES AT TWICKENHAM

England gamble on Melville

England have chosen two new caps in their side to play Wales at Twickenham on January 18...

England team

G H Davies (Wales); S T Smith (Wales); J J Halliday (New Zealand); J B Satterton (New Zealand); R Underwood (Leicester); R A Foster (Northampton); N D...

contested position in the team; and for Maurice Colclough, the much-travelled lock.

Sweet revenge in enthralling battle

Just before the interval a huge scrum at Bath which Cardiff checked off for the visitors to pick close to the line...



Old and new: Melville (left) takes Halliday (top) and Robbins under his wing

control at the back of the scrum and rugged consistency will have endeared him to the selectors after it was ascertained that Scott (Cardiff) could be discounted.

Welsh praise plucky opponents

Grindoly, their captain, led from the front, bringing a semblance of order to the ramshackle lineouts and forcing his way through whenever the Welsh were out of position.

Sparkling try keeps record intact

McCall, the stand-off half, who was captaining the side for the first time, went ahead with the first of his three penalties after only six minutes.

Breeze and wind lift Gloucester to the top

By David Hands

Gloucester 3 Moseley 8

This year can only get better and that is no reflection upon the wholehearted endeavours of the players from both clubs at Kingsholm yesterday.

Missionary spirit of tour clouded by Zimbabwe's doubt

By Richard Streeton

Tour details

The England B team leave London for Dhaka tonight still playing in Zimbabwe after the first two legs of the tour in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Pollock's touch of mastery is retracted

From Ivo Tennant Cape Town

New Year's Day at Newlands is quite a sight to behold. When, in addition, South Africa has the toss, but all day and Graeme Pollock makes a good score...

Apology to umpires is retracted

Sydney (Reuter) India's troubled tour of Australia took another unhappy turn yesterday when another manager...

Festival gets two new sponsors

By Michael Stevenson

The best New Year's present that Richard Greenwood, the former England captain and coach, could have received...

Kirk hands in resignation

Reg Kirk, the chairman of Yorkshire cricket, has resigned...

Reeson to defend title

Sammy Reeson, the British cruiserweight title holder from Batterssea...

Winner Platini

Turin, (AFP) - Michel Platini, who has just been elected as the European footballer of the year...

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BASKETBALL

Table listing basketball records and statistics for various leagues and teams.

Murray display their mettle

The admirable example set on the first day of the four English clubs competing in the World Juventus Club Championships was maintained at Crystal Palace yesterday by the Scots from Murray...

Rugby League

had fought back in the second half. In the second division, the top of the table is congested. Leigh swept on against Blackpool...

Late penalty gives Wigan narrow win

The pressure at the top of the first division continues to build up, with a clutch of clubs separated by a handful of points, and Wigan and Halifax just ahead of the pursuing pack in which Hull Kingston Rovers and Wigan pose the biggest menace.

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Football: Everton's 10 men move into second place after Chelsea's game is called off

Clear skies for United after heavy weather against Birmingham

By Vince Wright

Manchester United yesterday took advantage of Liverpool's newly acquired habit of dropping unnecessary points to increase their lead at the top of the first division. United, by no means feeble themselves recently, made heavy weather of defeating the club in twenty-first place, Birmingham City, 1-0 at Old Trafford, Gibson, United's £250,000 signing from Aston Villa, scored the winner after 47 minutes to take them five points clear.

United's victory was soured by an ankle injury to McGrath, their Republic of Ireland international defender. He was carried off after six minutes but Aikinson's team managed to cope with the set-back. Stapleton moved into defence to replace the youngster, Gibson, and they stifled Birmingham's few dangerous moments.

Leicester, who offered more threat in the second half, pulled a goal back through Bright but five minutes from the end Harford forced home his third. A pity that only 10,917 saw such entertaining football.



Rix down on his lock as Waddle slips past him (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Liverpool faltering despite Rush's encouraging form

By Peter Ball

Liverpool stepped into the new year with the same faltering strides which carried them out of the old. Yesterday's draw with Sheffield Wednesday, extending their run without a win to five games, although the point gained was enough to move them up into third place. They are now five points behind leaders, Manchester United.

The importance of Rush was demonstrated. For a time his luck showed no signs of turning as two clear chances went begging. With Molloy and McMahon also missing when Wednesday's off-side trap was breached, Liverpool's position at the interval was unpromising. Things changed dramatically, however, as Liverpool attacked the Kop. Johnston's flick found Rush free in front of goal, and this time, he scored with finality.

Norwich capitalize on late errors

By Stuart Jones

Fulham, a club that continually sells players for the sake of survival, paid a high price of their own at Craven Cottage yesterday afternoon. In the final minute, a series of needless errors cost them a point that may yet prove critical as they sit uncomfortably close to the bottom of the second division.

Norwich, who had scored a total of 20 goals in six games, on a rapid ascent to the peak of the second division, gradually lost their poise, their grip, their way and almost the leadership as well. He also conceded that Norwich were saved by their goalkeeper, though the waywardness of the opposition was equally in blame. Once the outstanding Parker, as large in authority as he is small in stature, either Wilson or the middle of Fulham's defence, their increasingly enterprising midfield began to create opportunities for their attack.

West Ham's timing causes stir

By Clive White

West Ham United could be in trouble over a delay in announcing the postponement of yesterday morning's match against Chelsea at Upton Park. The match referee, Martin Bodenham, of Sussex, called off the London derby just before 10am after inspecting the frosty pitch. That was only 90 minutes before kick-off time, and too late to prevent thousands of supporters from making wasted journeys.

The morning-after men struggle to find their feet at Highbury

By Clive White

It was an ill-opportune moment to record the first goalless draw at Highbury between these famous rivals in 77 years of healthy, productive activity. An encouraging crowd of 45,109 had dragged themselves out for the morning kick-off after the night before to witness a performance which had all the vigour of a New Year's eve reveler who had celebrated to excess.

Gillingham Whirlwind flattens Rangers

By Simon O'Hagan

Reading's domination of the third division has been one of the most remarkable features of the season, but any hopes they had of keeping their momentum going into the New Year received a setback at Elm Park yesterday when, in pouring rain, they lost a thoroughly entertaining match to Gillingham.

Blackpool and Plymouth are both hit for four

By Nicholas Harling

Rarely can a team have attacked more and acted more cautiously. Wimbledon did in their important match with Portsmouth before the biggest crowd of the season at Plough Lane yesterday. It was difficult not to sympathize with the London side. Whatever the dubious merits of their positive tactics, it was impossible to dispute the chaos they caused on the soundest defence in the division.

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Blackpool's third division promotion chances suffered a big setback when they went down 4-1 at Rotherham. They went 4-0 down at half-time, through goals by Gooding, Edwards, Duggan and Simons. Walsh pulled a goal back, but Rotherham held the upper hand.

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Carlisle dominated the match but paid the price for missing three easy chances. In the first half, Paul Barker shot wide from close range after a mistake by Ken McNaught, then Mick Halsall shot wildly over the bar. Early in the second half Birmingham missed another opportunity, before Sheffield went ahead after 22 minutes. Paul Stanfield's throw-in was flicked on by McNaught and Edwards scored with a header.

Scottish premier division

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Scottish second division

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Third division

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Fourth division

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax. AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

TV-am

6.15 Gossip Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Jane Irvine. News with Adrian Brown at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercise at 8.20; sport at 8.36 and 7.54; regional repeat 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; highlights of TV-am's first two years at 8.45; Wacceday at 9.04.

TV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Fraggle Rock with Richard Smith (9.30). Walt Disney Presents. The story of Ferdinand the Bull.

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax. 10.55 Film: The Outcast (1954) starring John Derek and Joan Evans. Western adventure, set in Colorado during the 1860s, about a man who hires a gang of gunmen to help him take back his inheritance - a large and successful ranch - but the incumbent, the man's uncle, is not giving up the ranch without a fight. Directed by William Witney.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Turkey Time (1933) starring Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn. A Ben Travers farce about two men spending Christmas with a henpecked husband and his sprawling wife. Their good Samaritan act in trying to help a stranded concert-party parette lands them in a deeper and deeper comic mess. Directed by Tom Walls.

CHOICE

with The Four Feathers. Jazz fans are set for an TV treat with DADE ELLINGTON LOVE YOU MADLY (11.30pm) instead, of all unlikely places, in Oldham, Lancs. About the two-part film COLETTE (BBC 2, 9.00pm). I know little but as the subject appeals to me enormously, it was made in France and so, if there is any justice in the world, it ought to be reasonably authoritative.

RADIO 1

6.00 Ceefax. 6.05 News. 6.15 News. 6.30 News. 6.45 News. 6.55 News. 7.00 News. 7.15 News. 7.30 News. 7.45 News. 7.55 News. 8.00 News. 8.15 News. 8.30 News. 8.45 News. 8.55 News. 9.00 News. 9.15 News. 9.30 News. 9.45 News. 10.00 News. 10.15 News. 10.30 News. 10.45 News. 11.00 News. 11.15 News. 11.30 News. 11.45 News. 12.00 News. 12.15 News. 12.30 News. 12.45 News. 12.55 News.

Radio 2

6.00 Ceefax. 6.05 News. 6.15 News. 6.30 News. 6.45 News. 6.55 News. 7.00 News. 7.15 News. 7.30 News. 7.45 News. 7.55 News. 8.00 News. 8.15 News. 8.30 News. 8.45 News. 8.55 News. 9.00 News. 9.15 News. 9.30 News. 9.45 News. 10.00 News. 10.15 News. 10.30 News. 10.45 News. 11.00 News. 11.15 News. 11.30 News. 11.45 News. 12.00 News. 12.15 News. 12.30 News. 12.45 News. 12.55 News.

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Clementine Amouroux as Colette (BBC 2, 9.00pm)

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World Service

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Regional television variations section with lists for Border, Anglia, Tyne Tees, Meridian, Northern, Granada, and Yorkshire.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 105.3kHz/228m; 108.9kHz/227m; Radio 2: 69.3kHz/433m; 90.9kHz/330m; Radio 3: 121.5kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m; VHF-82-95; LBC 115.2kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital 154.8kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 145.8kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/1463m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Opera & Ballet section listing performances at Covent Garden, Royal Opera House, Sadler's Wells, and other venues.

Theatres section listing various plays and musicals across different regional venues.

Concerts section listing musical performances and events at various concert halls.

Regional television variations section detailing local TV schedules for various regions.

Central section listing national television programmes and services.

Yorkshire section listing local television schedules for the Yorkshire region.

Americans arrive for Westland battle

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land. They question the motives of what they describe a weak, loss-making state-owned European industries...

The maverick behind 35 Oscars



Alec Guinness (left), Sam Spiegel, Jack Hawkins and David Lean during the filming of Lawrence of Arabia in 1962.



Sam Spiegel with his wife Betty in 1963 and Marlon Brando in On The Waterfront, 1954.

From Trevor Fishlock, New York
Sam Spiegel, the film producer who cast against the Hollywood grain and made successes like The Bridge on the River Kwai, Lawrence of Arabia and On the Waterfront, has died in his 80's.

IRA blast at midnight kills two policemen

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of the worst year for police casualties in Northern Ireland since 1976. Twenty-three police officers, men and women, died through terrorism in 1985.

Letter from Singapore Locals lend an ear to foreign TV

Sales of rabbits' ears are booming in Singapore. No, this is not another Chinese delicacy like chicken's feet or fish head. It is indoor television aerials.

Today's events

Exhibitions in progress
Sculpture by Helaine Blumenfeld; Coventry Whitefriars, London Road/Gloucester Road, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (ends Jan 19).

Mains burst inquiry

A committee of inquiry set up by Yorkshire Water to investigate mains bursts in Leeds on December 10 is inviting oral evidence from members of the public who should visit the authority's divisional offices at Springfield, 182, Oley Road, Leeds, LS16 3PF.

Children's books - paperback

Some recommendations from 1985
FOR YOUNGER READERS
The Chessman's Mice and the Giant, by Roger Williams; Mrs Linda Birch (Hippo, £1.50).

Waterfacts

Today's average daily household water services bill is 25p, according to a graph in Waterfacts, published by the Water Authorities Association.

Industry Year

As part of Industry Year 1986, the Royal Society of Arts invites British companies to submit case studies of good environmental practice in such areas as planning, transport, land use, pollution, energy and waste disposal.

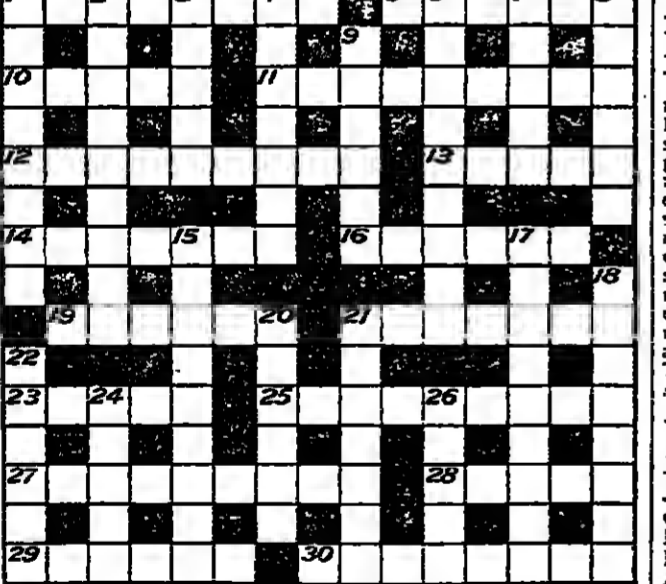
Anniversaries

James Wolfe, general who captured Quebec from the French was born in Stratford, Kent, 1727 (new style). Death: Alexander William Kiplake, author of Invasion of the Crimea, London, 1891; Sir George Biddell Airy, 7th astronomer royal 1815-81, Greenwich, 1892.

The pound

Table with exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Deutscher Mark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, and Venezuela.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,933



ACROSS
1 Father has engagement in possibly vulgar part (8).
2 Poet's girl taking a break after six (6).
3 Conscious of article by the path (5).

Times world-wide

Noon in London is 7am in New York; 4am in San Francisco; 9pm in Tokyo; 11pm in Canberra; 3pm in Rio de Janeiro; 4pm in Ulaanbaatar; 5pm in Hanoi; 6pm in Moscow; 8pm in Hong Kong.

Portfolio

This Portfolio rules are as follows:
1. The Portfolio is published weekly on the first Friday of each month.
2. The Portfolio is published in the Times newspaper.

Cheque cards

Cheque guarantee cards without a hologram became invalid on January 1 with the exception of Barclays which has not completed its changeover.

Lighting-up time

London 4.33 pm to 7.30 pm
Bristol 4.33 pm to 7.45 pm
Edinburgh 4.33 pm to 7.55 pm
Manchester 5.01 pm to 7.51 pm

Yesterday

Table showing weather conditions for various cities like London, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Newcastle, Norwich, Oxford, Plymouth, Southampton, Swansea, and Wolverhampton.

Solution of Puzzle No 16,932

ACROSS
1 Sweet-talk for even a heartless man (8).
2 Handy girl has power to accept one point (9).
3 Some of the Irish are possessive (5).

London

Yesterday's highest day temp: 15.5C (60F); lowest day temp: 10.5C (51F); highest night temp: 10.5C (51F); lowest night temp: 7.5C (45.5F).

Highest and lowest

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Weather forecast

A deep depression will move slowly E over the Channel with an associated trough slow-moving over the N.
Gale to midnight

High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Aberdeen, Ayr, Bournemouth, Cardiff, Newport, Plymouth, Southampton, Swansea, and Wexford.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions for various locations across Britain including Aberdeen, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Oxford, Plymouth, Southampton, Swansea, and Wolverhampton.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions for various international locations including Adelaide, Algiers, Amsterdam, Athens, Auckland, Barcelona, Beijing, Bern, Bogota, Bombay, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Canberra, Chicago, Copenhagen, Curitiba, Dallas, Delhi, Denver, Detroit, Frankfurt, Geneva, Harbin, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Houston, Istanbul, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Lyons, Madrid, Manila, Mexico City, Moscow, Ottawa, Paris, Perth, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Taipei, Toronto, Vancouver, Warsaw, Wellington, Wichita, and Zurich.